

The Women in Ancient Cultures (WAC) online rolling conference

Tuesday 12 January, 2021 – 1700 UK time

1700 – Launch of Women in Ancient Cultures conference and book series

1710 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Paul du Plessis, University of Edinburgh,

‘Female Patrons in Roman Law’

ABSTRACT: The Roman jurists frequently discussed legal aspects of the relationship between patron and client. In most of these discussions, judging by the language employed, the jurists treat the patron as male. In a handful of legal texts, however, female patrons are specifically mentioned. This paper will focus on one of the scenarios where the gender of the patron is legally relevant. In doing so, I will propose a context-based approach to the legal relationship between patron and client.

1750 – Q&A

Tuesday 26 January, 2021 – 1700 UK time

Katherine McDonald, University of Exeter, ‘Disrupting the Patriarchy in Pre-Roman Italy? Women in the Epigraphic Record c. 400 – 50 BCE.’

John H. Starks, Binghamton University, ‘Giving Away the Farm...to Mimes!: Vox populi and the (Un?)Stable Economy of Women Onstage’

Anna Mech, University of Warsaw, ‘No Offices, no Priesthoods, no Decorations? Significant women in Religious Life in Roman Dalmatia’

Tuesday 09 February, 2021 – 1700 UK time

James R. Townshend, Loyola University Chicago, ‘Mulier testabilis: Women as Witnesses in Roman Law’

Lisa A. Hughes, University of Calgary, ‘Legal and Visual Inclusion: Non-Elite Roman Widows, Succession, and the Sacra Privata’

Lydia Schriemer, University of Ottawa, ‘A Will of Her Own? The Evolution of Adult Female Guardianship in Late Antique Egypt’

Tuesday 23 February, 2021 – 1700 UK time

Nicole Demarchi, University of Padova, Ca' Foscari University of Venice and University of Verona, 'The Two Wicked Sisters: Liutperga and Adelperga. A Case Study of Women's Agency in the Early Middle Ages'

Katherine Backler, All Souls College, Oxford University, 'Women Disrupting the Patriline in Classical Athens'

Melanie Meaker, University of Mannheim, 'Women at the Races: Female Victors in Greek hippikoi agones'

Tuesday 09 March, 2021 – 1700 UK time

Petra Hogenboom-Meijerink, Assistant Curator, Egyptian collection, Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, 'Housewife or Career Woman? Women's Occupational Activities in the Ancient Egyptian Late and

Greco-Roman Period'

Paula Tutty, University of Oslo, "'My Lord, do it for God's Sake.'" Female Correspondents in Late Antique Monastic Letters from Egypt'

Marianna Thoma, University of Athens, 'Empowered Women in Papyrus Letters from Greco-Roman Egypt: Aspects of Women's Influence on their Male Correspondents'

Cristiana Sogno, Fordham University, 'A Reign of Her Own: Serena and the Question of Female Agency'

Evelyn Fertl, Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland, "'nunc vinclis exolutis domos, fora, iam et exercitus regerent.'" The Wives of High-ranking Magistrates and Military Officers and their Political Role in the Roman Provinces'

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Judith P. Hallett, University of Maryland

'Women Disrupting the Patriarchy: What Took Us so Long?'

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Tuesday 06 April, 2021 – 1700 UK time

1700 – Welcome

1705 – 5 minute summary

Jill Mitchell, Independent researcher, 'Coelia Concordia: The Head Vestal who Successfully Defied the Priests of Vesta'

Cristiana Sogno, Fordham University, 'A Reign of Her Own: Serena and the Question of Female Agency'

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1720 – Q&A

Tuesday 20 April, 2021 – 1700 UK time

Margherita Carucci, Cardiff University, 'Roman Women in the Court of Silence: A Feminist Agenda in Republican Rome'

Sara Casamayor-Mancisidor, University of Salamanca, 'The Golden (Roman) Girls: Old Age, Women, and Power in Ancient Rome'

Caitlin C. Gillespie, Brandeis University, 'Religious Agency and Imperial Resistance: The Case of

Tuesday 04 May, 2021 – 1700 UK time

Brenda Longfellow, University of Iowa, 'Agents in Life and Death: Female Tomb Patrons in Pompeii'

Kristina Milnor, Barnard College, Columbia University, 'Borrowing Authority: Female Lenders and Debtors in Ancient Rome'

Claude-Emmanuelle Centlivres Challet, University of Lausanne, 'Ordinary Disruption: Roman Women's Everyday Agency'

Tuesday 18 May, 2021 – time TBC

Lisa Kaaren Bailey, University of Auckland, 'Sanctity and Sex Avoidance in the Lives of Merovingian

Female Saints'

Shanshan Wen, Shanghai Normal University, 'Spending on Public Feasts: Female Benefactors in the Cities of the Roman West'

Giulia Vettori, University of Trento, 'Acting as a Good Paterfamilias: Which Economic Role for the

Tuesday 01 June, 2021 – 1700 UK time

John Bradley, Royal Holloway, University of London, 'Women as Scribes in Imperial Rome. Evidence in Early-Third Century AD Frescoes'

Matilda Brown and Alex Imrie, University of Edinburgh, 'Sisters are Doing it for Themselves: The Later Severan Women as Imperial Power Brokers'

Edith Hall and Magdalena Zira, King's College London, 'Reclaiming Dido: A Collaboration between Academia and the Professional Stage'